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"[Weiner] wants a second chance, but he wants to destroy what might be other people's second chances."

MONA DAVIDS

Statue of Liberty to open her doors for the Fourth

Celebration. Lady Liberty is back open after superstorm Sandy havoc and security concerns.

With security concerns and storm damage finally sorted out, Lady Liberty will finally be open to the public again starting Thursday.

The Statue of Liberty was cut off from the public for over a year due to renovations, until a scheduled reopening date of October 28 last year.

But that lasted only briefly, as the monument was in the path of the superstorm Sandy "surge" last year. Officials said 75 percent of the island was submerged under water.

And then came the security battle between the NYPD and the Na-

tional Park Service: The NYPD was appalled at the National Park Service's plan to only screen ferry passengers at Ellis Island, and have no security screening in Battery Park.

After a letter from Police Commissioner Ray Kelly to the Department of the Interior citing concerns of threats of terrorism, Senator Charles Schumer got involved in the negotiations.

Schumer's cajoling was successful. The National Park Service decided to temporarily conduct screenings in Battery Park when the statue reopens.

Commissioner Kelly said he is satisfied with the planned security measures. "I think they responded well, and we appreciate it," he said.

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"It's the right decision, and an example of government agencies working together to achieve practical solutions."

Bloomberg

The Statue of Liberty will be accepting visitors on Independence Day. / GETTY IMAGES

Opponents campaign to 'Stop Weiner'



Anthony Weiner campaigning at the Pride Parade. / GETTY IMAGES

When a grassroots campaign emerges targeting a particular candidate, it's a sure sign they've become a viable front-runner.

"Stop Weiner" showed up online recently, noting they're "appalled and disgusted" by the former Brooklyn representative's bid for mayor.

"Anthony Weiner has no clue, no idea what he's talking about," said

the president of the NYC Parents Union, Mona Davids, who is responsible for registering the new domain and Twitter account.

The campaign, which also calls Weiner "hypocritical, arrogant and useless," is a joint effort by the union and Local 372, a union representing public school employees.

Though the website features half-naked

images of the candidate from his Twitter scandal and calls Weiner a "cheater," Davids and her colleagues take issue with his proposal to cut 1,600 parent coordinators from city schools.

Weiner's campaign did not return a request for comment, but in his "Keys to the City" plan, he writes that parent involvement is "important."

ANNA SANDERS

Internet

City launches .nyc for local businesses

The city is making good on a promise that dates to City Council Speaker Christine Quinn's 2009 State of the City speech: NYC businesses will have .nyc websites.

The initiative, led by Councilmember Gale Brewer and former

Deputy Mayor Bob Lieberman, will help local businesses.

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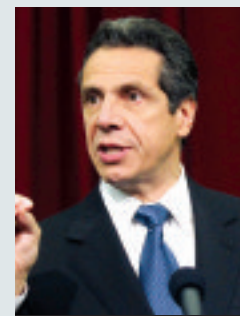
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In Albany

Pols balk at anti-corruption commission

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a special commission to investigate corruption in Albany.

Several members of the New York legislature have been nabbed in high-profile arrests this year. The commission will have subpoena power to



Andrew Cuomo / GETTY IMAGES

solicit records from the Board of Elections.

The committee comes after Cuomo-proposed anti-corruptions bills were killed in the legislature.

The Republican leader of the State Senate, Dean Skelos, balked at the commission, insisting a "witch hunt" against legislators is "totally inappropriate."

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Brooklyn. DA names panel to review Louis Scarcella convictions

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes established a panel to review the convictions of cases involving former NYPD Detective Louis Scarcella, who has come under suspicion after the exoneration of David Ranta, wrongfully convicted of killing Rabbi Chaskel Werzberger.

Ranta spent more than two decades in

prison. Scarcella has been accused of several alleged acts of misconduct, including allowing prisoners out of jail to smoke crack cocaine in exchange for testimony implicating Ranta.

The panel will aid the Conviction Integrity Unit's investigation of 40 homicide convictions involving 50 defendants.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Homicide

Man shot to death in Harlem

Police are investigating the shooting death of a man in Harlem early Tuesday morning.

Cops say the 35-year-old victim was shot in front of a strip of stores

on Seventh Avenue near 146th Street at about 1:15 a.m. The man was unconscious with a gunshot wound to his neck, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

No arrests have been made. Police have not released the victim's identity. LAURA SHIN

Lhota says women can do better than Weiner



Joe Lhota said that women should look at Weiner's record. / GETTY IMAGES

Election. Joe Lhota said female voters have to decide if Weiner has the mayoral character.

Republican mayoral candidate Joe Lhota wants Anthony Weiner's ex-girlfriends to come forward to convince female voters not to vote for him.

"I hope [women] will come to the right conclusion after enough women come out and talk about what it was like to be with him and date him and things like that," Lhota said on "The Andrea Tantaros Show."

Tantaros said Weiner was "arrogant" for how he talked to Fox News' Megyn Kelly during interviews.

"Once they realize what you've observed, and they

come to understand it, I think that they will see there are viable choices other than Anthony," Lhota replied. Weiner did not respond to Lhota's attack.

"Anthony is too busy talking about the future of the middle class and those struggling to make it to respond to Mr. Lhota's mud-throwing," campaign spokeswoman Barbara Morgan told the Post.

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Viable choices

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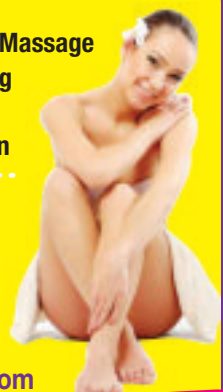
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Young vet uses Post-9/11 GI Bill for NY education

Returning vet. This week marks the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill includes the most generous education benefits afforded to veterans since World War II, providing up-front tuition, a living allowance and a book stipend.

Derek Coy, a veteran of the Marine Corps who served in Iraq from August 2005 to August 2006, said that he was also able to use those funds to move to NYC to pursue an advanced degree in Middle Eastern history at the City College of New York.

"Never in a million years would I have thought that I would have moved from Texas to New York City to go to grad school, or really go to grad school at all," Coy said.

Coy said school is a great way for vets to ease back into civilian life.

"It's one of those things that really unleashes the next level of potential within veterans," Coy said. "Once you



Derek Coy used the GI bill to pursue an advanced degree in Middle Eastern history. / BESS ADLER

Higher education

"It was a decision I made that I was really excited about."

Derek Coy

come out, the skill set and vitality and potential you have is really second to none."



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Gun violence

Bronx man killed in shooting

Police are investigating a shooting that killed one man and left another injured in the Bronx on Monday.

The shooting occurred at 8 p.m. in Claremont Village. The homicide victim, 22, was shot multiple times. The second victim, 20, was shot in the wrist, police said.

No arrests were made. **LAURA SHIN**

Election. TWU Local endorses Thompson in NYC mayoral race

The union representing bus and subway workers turned their back on ex-MTA chief Joe Lhota, choosing to endorse Bill Thompson for mayor at City Hall Tuesday.

TWU Local 100, with 38,000 members, used to answer to Lhota before he resigned from the agency to run for mayor.

Thompson said he was "honored" to receive the endorsement.

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Bill Thompson / GETTY IMAGES

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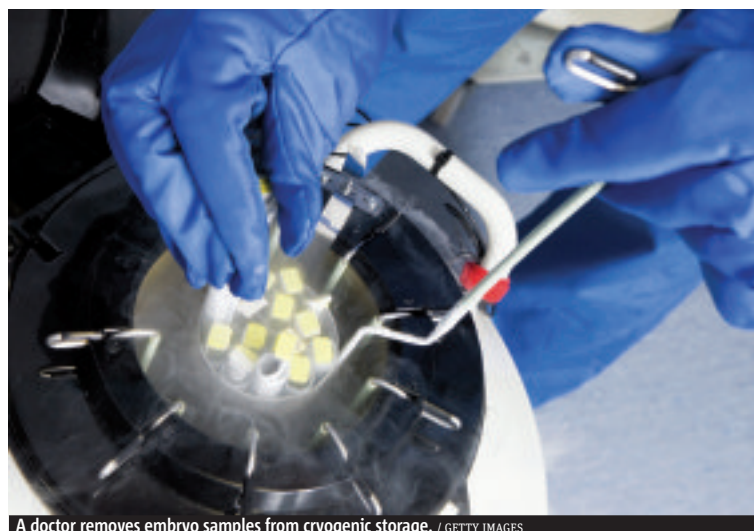
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A doctor removes embryo samples from cryogenic storage. / GETTY IMAGES

Cryonics: Humans best served chilled

Anders Sandberg made waves when he and two colleagues from the Oxford University Future Humanity Institute revealed plans to be cryogenically frozen after death, in the hope of being re-animated after. Sandberg explained why he spent \$42,500 on the spooky move.

In what era do you want to wake up?

It's not that I would prefer another time period, but I would rather not die. The point of cryonics is you get a second chance. I would be happy to be woken up 10 minutes after if the technology is ready.

Would you expect to wake up with one hell of a headache?

That's the problem. Even the best freezing methods do a lot of tissue damage,

Q&A

Are you worried about what might happen to you in the freezer?

To be honest, bodies are not worth much. There are plenty of living people around to steal from more profitably. There is a 1 percent chance of nuclear war every year, so the chance of the facility being destroyed is [low.]

so you would need a lot of work to be restored and repaired.

And after you die in the next life, would you just get frozen again?

That shouldn't be a problem, given the assump-

tion of awesome medical technology we will have then. I would love to have back-up copies of myself.

Shouldn't we try on lesser organisms first?

Yes — if we could restore a mouse that would convince a lot of people to try. The best we have done is rabbit kidneys so far.

Because of the cost, would the result be millions of super-rich businessmen taking over the next century?

If so, they would have to do all the menial jobs.

How confident are you that you actually will be re-animated?

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Family feud

Police looking into Mandela grandson in grave dispute

South African police opened an investigation into Nelson Mandela's grandson on suspicion of

illegally exhuming the bodies of three of the ailing anti-apartheid hero's children, a police spokesman said.

The investigation is the latest twist in an unedifying family feud that has drawn global attention as Mandela lies in a hospital

in critical condition.

Sixteen members of the Mandela family have already won a court order forcing Mandla Mandela — officially chief of the Mandela clan — to return the bodies that he dug up two years ago from the village of Qunu. **REUTERS**

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THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE

Each Fourth of July, my family and I plan our trip to the fireworks in D.C. as if it were the landing at Dunkirk. We discuss which car to take, weather forecasts, start times, ways to beat traffic, parking spots, pedestrian pathways, restroom locations, snack carts, vantage points, our horoscopes and the all-important escape route.

We debate which camera to take; whether we need binoculars, umbrellas or water bottles; and how upset the dog will be by the time we get home.

Despite all these variables, the experience is pretty much always the same. We find a location along Constitution Avenue, grab a few feet of curb upon which to sit and stare skyward through 20 minutes of earth shaking, eye-dazzling explosions. It's wonderful, honestly.

As fireworks displays go, it's as fine as I've ever seen anywhere, and even more so when you look around to see the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Capitol all bearing silent witness. I suspect the view from the White House is probably the best perk of being president, although I imagine ordering Biden to bring you Diet Coke and nachos

Quoted

And, sappy or not, I still find the whole spectacle inspiring.

is pretty fun, too.

And, sappy or not, I still find the whole spectacle inspiring.

We have a lot of differences in our country. We can't agree to turn our policies left or right, or whether our government should spend a lot more or a lot less. We argue about immigration, interest rates and the infield fly rule.

We have straight shooters who go crazy about gay marriage. On any given day, the Dance Moms are more unified.

So I like it when the Fourth of July comes around and, for a short period, people gather, elbow to elbow, in towns from coast to coast. We may yet disagree about which sparkler is the brightest and which firecracker is the loudest.

But for a few minutes, at least, we can "ooh" and "ahh" as one, remembering the united effort from whence our nation came, while the only glares come from the rockets overhead. It's not much, but it's a start.

Snowden's options narrow as asylum requests spurned

Countries in Latin America, Asia and Europe have spurned asylum requests by Edward Snowden, despite a call by Venezuela for the world to protect the former U.S. spy agency contractor.

Snowden, who revealed the secret U.S. electronic surveillance program PRISM, has applied for political asylum in more than a dozen countries in his search for safety from prosecution in the United States.

The 30-year-old remained in legal limbo Tuesday in the transit area of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, unable to fly out because he has no legal travel documents and no Russian visa to leave the airport.



A Snowden supporter stands outside Sheremetyevo airport near Moscow. / GETTY IMAGES

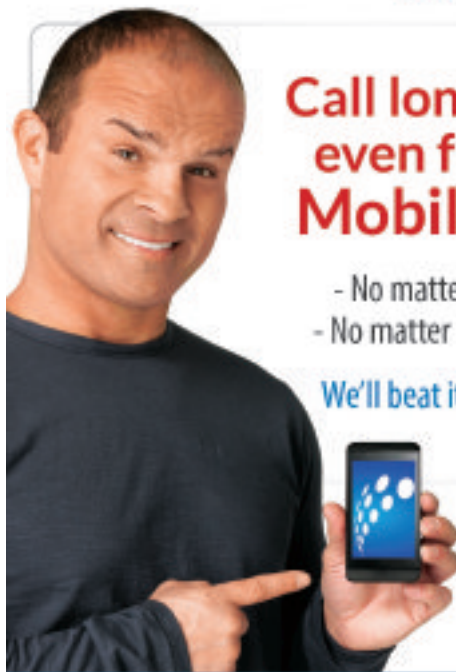
A growing list

According to WikiLeaks, Snowden has prepared asylum requests in the following countries:

- India, China, Brazil, Ireland, Austria, Bolivia, Cuba, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Venezuela

persecuted.

That ruled out a prolonged stay in Russia, where a spokesman for President Vladimir Putin said Snowden had withdrawn his request for asylum. **REUTERS**



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Fighting words

Tonto vs. Captain Jack

Tonto is another addition to Johnny Depp's coterie of kooky characters, including the Mad Hatter, Hunter S. Thompson and Edward Scissorhands. But perhaps the Grand Poobah of Depp's alter egos is "Pirates of the Caribbean" mainstay Captain Jack Sparrow. So between the rakish pirate and the wily Comanche warrior, who would win in a fight?

"It's over for Tonto," Depp says with a weary shake of his head. "Yeah, it's over for Tonto. Captain Jack is far too dark. It wouldn't take long, and it would be unpleasant."



Johnny Depp plays a more active Tonto — and gets top billing over "lead" Armie Hammer — in "The Lone Ranger." / PETER MOUNTAIN

Interview. Johnny Depp tries to erase negative portrayals of Native Americans with "The Lone Ranger."

"The Lone Ranger" may be the biggest Western to come out of Hollywood in years, but it's not star Johnny Depp's first venture into the frontier. In 1995, Depp starred as an out-of-his-depths city slicker in Jim Jarmusch's "Dead Man" — not that he's seen it. "I feel somehow that Jim Jarmusch made a great and amazing sort of epic poem of a western with 'Dead Man,'" Depp says. "Haven't seen the film, but I love Jim, and I know what he's capable of, and from what I've heard, it's — and I did read the script, by the way — it was wonderful."

Now, about that "Lone Ranger." In taking on such an iconic character in Tonto in such an iconic

property, Depp — who spearheaded and executive-produced the project — saw "The Lone Ranger" as a chance to reverse a lot of Hollywood's past mistakes. "In the history of cinema, the Native American has been portrayed as a savage or as something lesser than. And it was important to me to at least take a good shot at erasing that," he says.

On a more personal level, there's also the way Tonto himself — the Lone Ranger's stoic sidekick — had been portrayed. "As a very young child, I was always perturbed by the idea of Tonto being a sidekick. That just didn't register properly in my head," Depp explains. "I just thought it was potentially an opportunity to right the wrong, you know?"

And it's not just Hollywood's treatment of Native Americans that needs addressing, Depp insists. There are centuries of injustice and stereotypes he hopes his flashy summer blockbuster can help diminish. "I wanted to convey that the Native Americans were only deemed savages when Christopher Columbus hit the wrong f—ing place, and decided that he'd hit India," Depp says. "That's our history. He thought he hit India, and called the people Indians. That's our history, you know? I mean, that's pretty f—ing weird, seriously."



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Sequel.

"Despicable Me 2" is as surprisingly delightful as the original.

It's tough to settle down in the suburbs after you've tried to steal the moon. But reformed super-villain Gru (voiced again by Steve Carell, with a Bela Lugosi accent) is making a go of it as a single dad to three cute-as-a-button girls. He's even converted his massive weapons laboratory into a start-up business manufacturing jellies and jams. Alas, such a fiendishly gifted mind cannot stay idle for long, especially when the laws of Hollywood economics demand sequels to surprise blockbusters.

The dizzy, delightful "Despicable Me 2" finds Gru recruited by the top secret Anti-Villain League, with eager agent Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig) and her dour commanding officer (Steve Coogan) enlisting our hero's expertise in tracking down a stolen experimental serum that turns test subjects into fuzzy purple monsters.

Review

'Despicable Me 2'

Directors. Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin

Voices. Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig

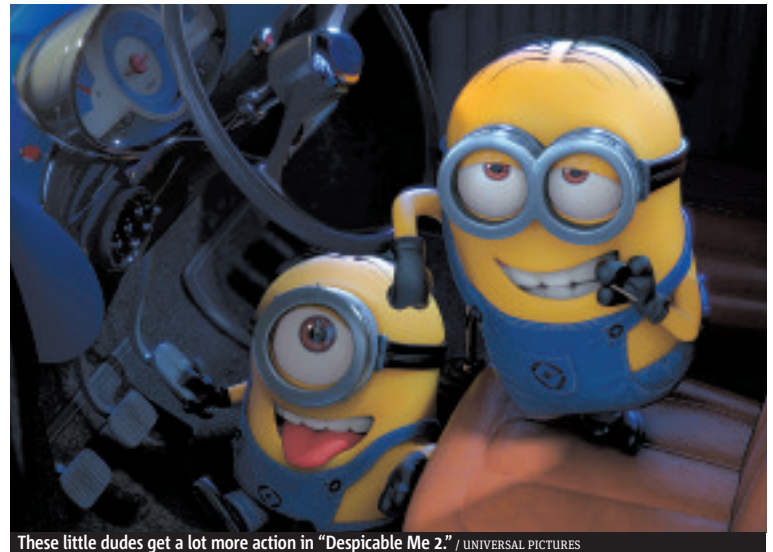
Rating. PG

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At first reluctant to be of service, Gru doesn't really have much choice, given Agent Wilde's annoying habit of tasing him to get his attention.

Going undercover at the local mall by setting up a dummy cupcake shop, the two target a swarthy Mexican restaurant owner (Benjamin Bratt) who looks suspiciously like El Macho, one of Gru's former comrades, who was presumed dead after riding a dynamite-covered shark into a volcano on a rocket. Such zany overkill is characteristic of the screenplay by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio, who won't settle for just one gag when a moment can easily contain three or four more.

So much contemporary computer animation strives for a dull facsimile



These little dudes get a lot more action in "Despicable Me 2." / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

of photo-realism, but here returning directors Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin shoot for the classic cartoon hand-drawn anarchy of Looney Tunes, never more so than with the Minions. Gru's diminutive henchmen look like yellow Tic Tacs wearing denim overalls and steampunk goggles, speak in high-pitched nonsensical talk and keep stumbling into elaborately orches-

trated, dialogue-free slapstick sequences.

The storyline grows a bit cluttered with the introduction of a possibly sinister wig maker (Ken Jeong). But for Gru, what's scarier than any impending plot for world domination is the terrifying development that his teenage daughter has started dating.

Spirited vocal performances from the cast add to the antic atmosphere.

The energy level never flags, even though you might wish everybody would stop to breathe once in a while. Overstuffed with daffy non sequiturs and not one, but two, exuberant Minion musical numbers, "Despicable Me 2" is almost too much of a good thing.

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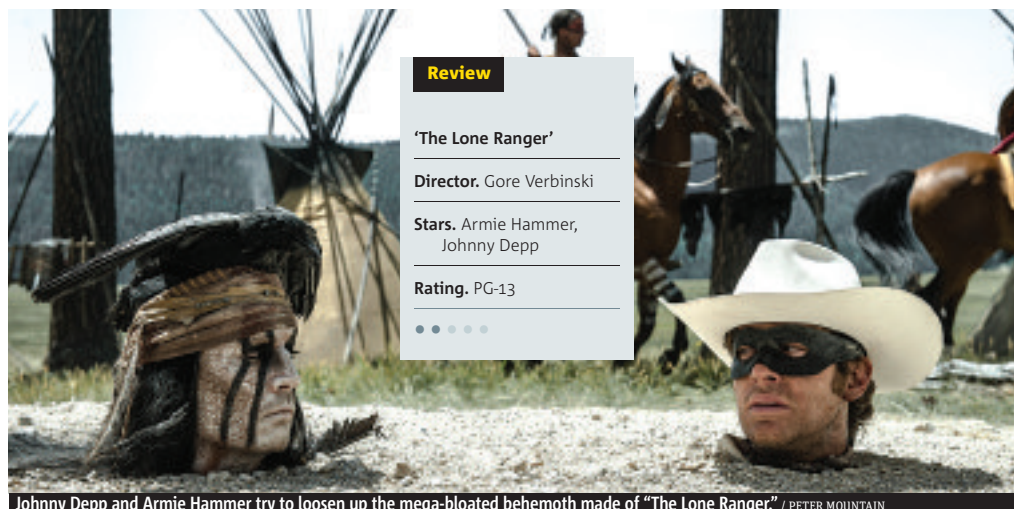
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Would-be blockbuster. The mega-budgeted take on "The Lone Ranger" has traces of merit.

Advance buzz on "The Lone Ranger" has been dire, as would plague any \$250 million behemoth based on a franchise that few living remember vividly. It's also a Western, a genre that, as in the past, fares best when not mega-budgeted to hell. If this is the movie that people see only because they feel they should, then may they be surprised that it's not terrible, even if it's maddeningly at war with itself.

It is, more than anything, a product of its bloated, mega-blockbuster times and of its director, a talented filmmaker born at the wrong time. Gore Verbinski is most famous/infamous for the first three "Pirates of the Caribbean" films — pictures based on a theme-park ride that nonetheless swelled into bombastic, impenetrable nonsense. They (the first

Oh, it's not that bad



Johnny Depp and Armie Hammer try to loosen up the mega-bloated behemoth made of "The Lone Ranger." / PETER MOUNTAIN

Review

'The Lone Ranger'

Director. Gore Verbinski

Stars. Armie Hammer, Johnny Depp

Rating. PG-13



and bits of the second, especially) have a bizarre comic streak, a playfulness and a cynical knack for undercutting heroics reminiscent of the great Richard Lester (of the '70s "Three Musketeers" films and "Superman II").

Verbinski himself demanded the ludicrous

price tag and length for "The Lone Ranger," so he has only himself to blame. He gets in his own way; he's like a crazy, egomaniacal producer and idiosyncratic filmmaker in one body. (This is strange, because the film has its own crazy, egomaniacal producer in Jerry Bruck-

heimer.) The best parts of "The Lone Ranger," and they exist, are silly and weird. The worst parts, and they exist, too, aren't as life-sapping nor as needlessly labyrinthine as "Pirates."

Because this is a 21st century picture, it's an origin story, but it often

plays as deconstructive parody — it's sometimes an anti-origin story. Armie Hammer plays the lawyer-reluctantly-and-sloppily-turned-outlaw who teams up with a relentlessly deadpan, vaguely pissy Tonto, played by Johnny Depp (who swears he has some Cherokee or Creek

Indian in his lineage). There's a conspiracy, involving sinister proto-capitalist Tom Wilkinson, but it's all leading to a reasonably entertaining climax, when the Rossini-cribbed theme finally gets whipped out.

Honestly, it should have been whipped out two acts prior. Origin stories are sapping the fun of mainstream filmmaking, and no one cares where Silver the horse got his name. Still, the undiluted version of this — which would likely resemble "Rango," Verbinski's insane cartoon Western, made because he could do whatever he wanted — would have been fantastic. The diluted version simply has lots of moments, albeit squeezed into acres of unnecessary and uninvolved bloat. The Sergio Leone homages are expected, but any movie that nods to both "Little Big Man" and "Dead Man" — Jim Jarmusch's hippie Western, starring Depp back when no one saw Johnny Depp pictures — can't be all bad.



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Thanks to films like "The Trip," Steve Coogan has risen in stature in the U.S. But he's a legend in England. His latest film concerns another British mainstay: "The Look of Love" is a biopic on Paul Raymond, a strip club and nude mag owner who was at one point England's richest citizen. Coming out soon is the long-rumored, now-completed film on Coogan's most famous creation, the incomparably foolish Alan Partridge.

How aware of Paul Raymond were you before this film?

As a teenager growing up, you'd go into the newsstand and get up on your tiptoes and try to grab the soft-porn magazines on the top shelf. He was always on the back cover, surrounded by semi-nude women. You'd think, "Who



STEVE COOGAN

The actor talks about playing a classy pornographer in "The Look of Love."

KNOWING HIM, KNOWING YOU

is that guy? He's obviously living the life."

What is your take on him now?

He behaved like an aristocrat in some ways. I think his image was a figment of his imagination — he created this character. He had the clothes, he had the car, he had the house, he had the girls — he had all those things that are supposed to make uncomplicated men happy. It didn't really make him happy. I think he wasn't really into sex. It was a business to him. He'd have these threesomes, but he was almost going through

the motions, like he didn't really enjoy it. It was just a thing you're supposed to do if you're living a wild life.

What was your initial angle on the film?

We thought that no one talks about sex anymore in movies. People don't know how to handle nudity, so we end up with "Show-girls." Americans don't know how to handle sex. They laugh at it, snicker at it or they're very, very serious about it, and you get films with soft-focus shots of people making love in a very dignified way. Both sides are untruthful. We

thought this would be a little spiky, fun and also kind of sad. We didn't want to do a finger-wagging thing, like if you watch too much porn you'll go blind.

You often play awful people, but Raymond isn't all evil. How do you feel playing characters who can be nice?

I like to make complicated characters likable. I always find playing someone who's likable very difficult. I would quite like to be able to do that, but it's a challenge to make a character like that interesting. I'd like to play some nice people and not be boring.

Welcome back

He's Alan Partridge (again)

"I brought the character back because I found these two writers who brought new life

into him. And I did it because I was doing other work alongside it. I couldn't embrace Partridge if it was the only thing I was doing. I'd feel self-conscious, like an old band re-forming for money. Alan's like a

relative or an old friend — you like to hang out with him, but you don't want to spend the rest of your life with him."



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Robin Thicke will sex you up, make no doubt about that

Sometimes, when I remember that Robin Thicke's dad is Alan Thicke, I laugh a lot because, oh man, what would Dr. Seaver say? Dude used to blow a lid when Mike stayed up past 9 p.m. eating ice cream, and here's Robin mouth-sexing a chocolate cone while eye-sexing half-naked models in the video for "Blurred Lines."

Good thing, then, that Robin's real life isn't anything like an episode of "Growing Pains," because I'm pretty sure Papa Seaver might actually have a heart attack when he caught wind of Robin's new song, which, if pos-

sible, is even more sexed up than its predecessor.

The new joint "Give it 2 U" ('cause not spelling out words is hella sexy) features a guest spot by BET Awards-sweeper Kendrick Lamar, and is about, uh, well Thicke giving it 2 U. It being his big, thick, throbbing ... heart. (He's going 2 give U his man-parts, is what I'm not so gracefully insinuating — and neither is he — here.)

And here's the thing: Despite being so sexual it's kind of stupid, it's sort of a totally catchy (in a terrible dub-steppy way) jam. It'll get stuck in your head, much like Thicke plans to stick his ... never mind.

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Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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— Dorothy Robinson will return Monday, July 7.

Betty White: still really old, still really sassy

What's that saying about too much of a good thing? I can't remember how it goes, my brain is old and feeble, but not as old as Betty White — which is where I'm going with this.

Because, OK, if this was two years ago, and I read in InTouch that the 91-year-old considers herself a "terrible flirt" and that she gets "her jollies that way!" I'd laugh affectionately. "That incorrigible old bag!" I'd say to myself. "That randy

old nana! What a card!" Because it would still be charming, in kind of a gross way, and it would still be new.

Alas, like so many things that once made me chuckle affectionately and now make me turn the page quicker than you can say "wrinkly old boobs," I just no longer care.

If, however, you're still titillated by the bawdy admissions of a cute old lady with a sailer mouth, know this: She's old AND sexy.



Kennedy tells all

Remember Kennedy from MTV? "Of course!," said nobody, anywhere. Well, once, a very long time ago (the '90s) when MTV still played music (TV for your ears), Kennedy was famous for being a VJ. (Some of you kids might not know what I'm talking about, because, to you, MTV is a channel that specializes in the exploits of moderately illiterate and/or more than moderately pregnant teenagers. That "M" used to stand for something, damn it!)

Now, however, Kennedy is not famous for anything. But not for lack of trying. Kennedy, it seems, has written a tell-all (I'm no book expert, but I'm pretty sure the key to writing a successful tell-all is having anyone at all GAF about what you're trying to tell



them) and it. is. scandalous. Or so she hopes.

One juicy bit? Apparently, Michael Jordan (he used to play basketball) tried to take her V-card this one time. But Kennedy was all like, "Oh no, your giant you-know-what will tear my precious flower apart!" (#that's racist) and so she respectfully declined. At least that's what the book says.

You could read the whole thing for yourself if you bought her book! But you won't, will you?

Meek Mill has to tighten up his Twitter game

Oh man, if only we could mandate half of the people we know on Twitter and Facebook to do this.

A Philadelphia judge ordered rapper Meek Mill to complete a series of etiquette classes to "refine his use of social media" at a probation violation hearing (for drug and gun charges) last week.

A cursory glance at Meek's Twitter reveals that the rapper is prone to tweeting explicit and kinda misogynistic recommendations for lady behavior, which, while gross, isn't much worse than the kind of stuff half the pimply teen boys across America post to their various social media

outlets daily.

If we could sentence the most egregious social media offenders we know to etiquette classes, there are a few lessons we'd like to see included on the syllabus.

Lesson one: Nobody but nobody wants to see pictures of the flowers your "super sweet hubby" brought home/of your cat/of the chicken you grilled for dinner/of you in the bathroom. Lesson two: If you think it might be TMI — it is. Lesson three: If you think it definitely isn't TMI — it is.

Class dismissed.

North West is not for sale!

Or, at least, pictures of her aren't.

In one of the first public things Kim and Kanye have done in quite some time that didn't make me want to move to Siberia or some other place where people had more pressing matters to worry about (like foraging for food so as not to die) than Kim's pregnant cancles, they have NOT

accepted a very large sum of money in exchange for the first photos of their brand new kid.

According to US Weekly, K Squared turned down a \$3 million offer for the very first pictures of North West — which is like 3 cents in Kardashian/Yeezy currency — but still. It's a fairly decent move from two people whom I suspect are not all that

decent, as far as people contributing quality things to the world go.

Unless, of course, they're holding out for a better offer. In which case, see ya! I'm off to Siberia.



Red, white and Gaga

Stylin' stud

1 **Pharrell** rocked Ray-Bans while speaking at a press conference during Berlin Fashion Week Tuesday.

Looking smashing

2 Smashing Pumpkins frontman **Billy Corgan** took the stage in Manchester Monday for the band's extended European tour.

Just another day

for Gaga

3 **Wax** looks good on **Lady Gaga** — too bad we can't say the same about her outfit. The singer was immortalized Tuesday at the Musee Grevin in Paris.

iVisit morning TV

4 **Miranda Cosgrove** was happy to hit the "Today" show Tuesday morning.

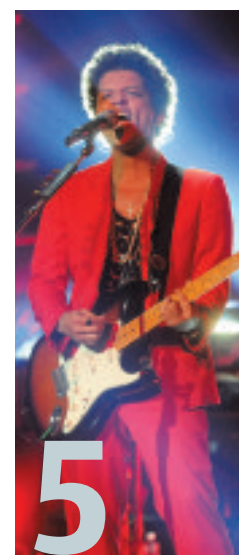
You make me feel like...

5 He might be "locked out of heaven," but **Bruno Mars** was allowed in the Prudential Center in New Jersey Monday to continue his Moonshine Jungle tour.

O, Canada!

6 Our neighbors to the north gathered Monday at Queen's Park in Toronto to celebrate **Canada Day**.

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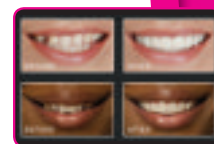
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This guy could be the next Eddie Murphy

Stand-up film. For his second stand-up movie, Kevin Hart turns the jokes from his family to himself.

Kevin Hart's rise to fame has been a peculiar one. A Philly-born comedian who sells out arenas, Hart should be anointed as the next Eddie Murphy. And yet, instead of being a household name, Hart remains on the fringes.

"Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain," his second stand-up movie, seems like Hart reminding people why his hype is warranted. A chunk of the first half has him touring Canada and Europe, playing sold-out shows to grateful, foreign

Review

'Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain'

Director. Leslie Small, Tim Story

Genre: Stand-Up Film

Rating. R

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folk who only know him from YouTube clips (and, for some reason, 2004 bomb "Soul Plane"). The concert part has him performing a sold-out, racially mixed Madison Square Garden crowd — a feat that's rarely achieved by comics. He's almost subtly reminding people that even Murphy at his mega-star prime couldn't pull that off. ("Eddie Murphy Raw" was filmed in Madison Square Garden's less spacious Felt Forum.)

Even though Hart hits the stage like a comic rock star, coming out to fiery pyrotechnics and rocking an all-black outfit featuring a leather shirt and a gold chain, Hart consis-



Kevin Hart packs Madison Square Garden for his second stand-up film, "Let Me Explain." / KEVIN KWAN, SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

tently spends his set making himself the butt of his own jokes. Whereas "Laugh at My Pain" had him talking about his dysfunctional family upbringing, "Let Me Explain" shows Hart mostly riffing on his bad luck with women, especially with his ex-wife. He chalks up their breakup to him being a bad liar, as well as a friend not helping him when he was caught cheating.

As a comedian, Hart's most winning strengths have not only been his ability to make fun of himself, but also his willingness to appear imperfect and vulnerable onstage, which is practically a rarity in the infallible, I-ain't-no-punk world of black stand-up comedy.

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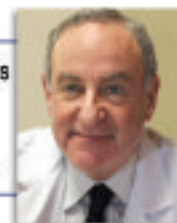


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'Nance' is emotional tightrope

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Living in 1930s New York City was akin to living in a pressure cooker; or that's the impression you get from "The Nance," starring Nathan Lane under the direction of Jack O'Brien. Lane portrays Chauncey Miles, a "nance" performer — a foppish, silly gay caricature who uses double entendre and innuendo to make fun of homosexual culture as

part of a burlesque cabaret. But his success would be ideal if only he weren't a nance in real life — that is, a formerly closeted but overtly gay man who begins to feel comfortable in his own skin just when the political climate starts scowling at anyone in such

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Nathan Lane performs as Chauncey Miles in "The Nance."
JOAN MARCUS

a "sick" scene.

Because of the cognitive dissonance that Miles is forced to exist within, he acts out by pushing away loved ones with self-defacing humor. Beneath his glib veneer, he seems to be a man unsure of himself and craving acceptance — not, of course, from like-minded "fairies" or his patient boyfriend (Jonny Orsini), but rather from the most unlikely corners of the NYC social scene.

Of course, masterful playwright Douglas Carter Beane throws every conflict of morality at our unstable protagonist until he's dizzy from constantly

turning a blind eye toward where the wind is blowing.

"The Nance" seems to be inevitably veering toward disaster, even when things seem good — but you can't look away. The only thing keeping the growing sense of dread from strangling your windpipe are the ingeniously juxtaposed scenes of vaudevillian burlesque that grow increasingly darker to complement the show's dark undertones. Still, there's room to laugh right up until the seemingly inevitable end.



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The most expensive property this week is a triplex at 990 Fifth Ave. Marketed by Sotheby's International Realty, this 5-bedroom 5.5-bath includes a private elevator and a terrace with Central Park views.



Fireworks! Manhattan sales volume surges in Q2

The Manhattan apartment sales market had its most active spring since 2007. / GETTY IMAGES/FUSE

Real estate.

Inventory crunch and cheap loans led to the fastest absorption rate on record.

The Fourth of July has come early to the residential real estate market.

"You have a surge in demand meeting a chronic low level of supply, and the result was fireworks," said Jonathan Miller,

president of appraisal firm Miller Samuel.

Indeed, the Manhattan apartment sales market had its most active spring since 2007, with the number of transactions jumping in tandem with a continued inventory crunch, reports released Tuesday by Manhattan residential brokerages show.

In the second quarter, 3,144 sales of Manhattan condominiums and co-ops closed, a dramatic 18.8 percent increase over the prior year and a 28 percent increase from the prior quarter, according to Douglas Elliman's report, prepared by Miller.

Looking ahead, the

number of sales is likely to climb, given that buyers signed 4,450 contracts for Manhattan apartments in the second quarter — the highest in a single three-month period since 2007, according to the Corcoran Group's quarterly report.

Corcoran CEO Pamela Liebman attributed the surge to seasonal trends, noting in a statement that the second quarter is traditionally the "busiest quarter of the year for Manhattan sales."

However, at this point, prices are rising only modestly. The median price for a Manhattan apartment in

the second quarter was \$865,000, a 4.3 percent year-over-year increase from \$829,000, the Elliman report shows.

Hall Willkie, president of Brown Harris Stevens, pointed out that many of the biggest sales this year have taken place at new developments where deals have not yet closed, meaning that the transactions were not included in market reports.

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Google Glass adds its first website browser

Google finally added a website browser to Google Glass. The company announced a few new updates to its high-tech specs on Monday, making it easier to find new content and communicate hands-free.

When a user is on a Web page, different commands on Google Glass' touch pad will mimic a mouse's movements on a laptop or a finger's movements on a touchscreen.

For example, to scroll down a Web page, a user must slide his or her finger forward on the touch pad.

To zoom, slide two fingers forward or backward. Hold two fingers down on the touch pad and move your head around to pan; as you look around, tap to select the center of the screen.

Google added that the updates will automatically be pushed to Glass in the upcoming days.

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You can now waste time on the Web with Google Glass.

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App Appeal

Mobile. We round up multiple alarm programs and a photo function that makes you look old.

Rise vs. Wake

Platform: both iOS
Price: both \$1.99

Though it's not as dodgy as the Maps app that comes with the iPhone, the old alarm program on the Clocks app is perfectly functional but clunky. It gets the job done, but it lacks the instinctive flow that takes advantage of a touch-based interface. Two similar but different apps have recently come to solve that design issue: Rise and Wake. Both are equally sleek, minimalist, even beautiful in slightly unique ways. Both put the most important action



AgingBooth allows one to take an unscientific look of what you'll look like decades from now. / PROVIDED

— setting an alarm time — on the main screen, then elegantly allow one to swipe over for other functions, like changing the sound that (hopefully) jolts one from bed.

Rise lacks multiple alarms, but has a function where you can program playlists that lull you to sleep. Wake does have multiple alarms, but the actual sounds aren't as diverse. Other fundamental problems plague both. Rise requires the phone sound be on to hear the alarm. If you don't want to be awoken by inexplicable 3 a.m. emails from LinkedIn, you'll have to set your phone to "do not disturb"

mode. Wake, meanwhile, requires the app be up on your screen, with power plugged in, to work at all. These problems may simply be early hiccups, but you might find yourself preferring the functionality of your old alarm app over fancy design.

AgingBooth

Platform: Android, iOS
Price: Free

Provided you survive into your autumn years at all, you are going to age, and probably terribly. Youthful vim will be replaced by lazy stupor, butts will balloon out, knees will

one day grow rusty and faces will be increasingly marked by wrinkles and drooping flab. If you'd like an entirely unscientific rendering of how ugly you one day may look, you can't do worse than the time-waster AgingBooth. Another in the line of playful photo filter apps, it takes any portrait picture and adds wrinkles, gray hair and face fat. Try it on friends, on yourself, even on pretty celebrities whose faces are appallingly clean and free of wear — for now.



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This week in health**National cesarean rate levels off**

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Data study
Results: Cesarean delivery rates in the U.S. have not increased over the past three years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. This counters an alarming 12-year trend that saw an increase in cesarean deliveries, many for non-medical reasons.
Significance: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists hopes this translates as a reduction in deliveries before 39 weeks' gestation, but the figures also found that the cesarean rate at 39 weeks gestation has increased.

Portion sizes deceive

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 217 participants
Results: How much we eat and how much we are willing to pay for our food is influenced by how a portion is labeled, say Cornell University researchers.



Cesarean rates haven't increased for the first time in more than a decade. / GETTY IMAGES, WAVEBREAK MEDIA

A new study, "One Man's Tall is Another Man's Small: How the Framing of Portion Size Influences Food Choice," which was published online on Health Economics, found that people will pay more for a portion that sounds larger, and they will eat more of an enormous portion if it is labeled as a smaller portion.
Significance: The study seems to indicate that people are using language, rather than satiation, as a guide to how

much they eat.

Protein linked to Alzheimer's

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Mice
Results: A protein called caspase-2 could play an important role in the onset of Alzheimer's disease, say researchers at Columbia University Medical Center. Recent studies using mice found that this protein regulates signals that lead to cognitive decline

associated with the disease.
Significance: The researchers think that blocking this protein could prevent Alzheimer's by stopping the neuronal damage that leads to cognitive decline.

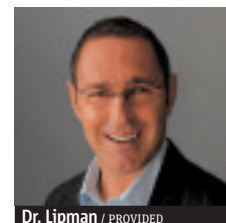
Eating peanuts may curb obesity

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Mexican-American sixth-graders
Results: Adolescents who consumed peanuts at least once per week were less likely to be overweight or obese, and had significantly higher intakes of magnesium and vitamin E compared to those who didn't, according to a study published in Nutrition Research. The peanut-eaters also consumed more vegetables and had more fiber in their diets.
Significance: "Low cost and easily implemented interventions such as increasing peanut consumption may be one way to address health risks in at-risk populations," says study leader Dr. Craig Johnston, instructor at the Behavioral Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

LINDA CLARKE

30-Second Lifesaver**With Dr. Frank Lipman**

This week's tip comes from Dr. Frank Lipman, integrative and functional medicine physician and founder of Eleven Wellness Center:



Dr. Lipman / PROVIDED

Chug a green juice:

Ditch your 4 p.m. Starbucks run and chug a green juice instead. Flood your body with energizing and hydrating nutrients for an instant boost. Be sure to include a lot of organic green veggies like kale, bok choy, celery and cucumber, with some

apple, lemon and ginger to sweeten this powerful potion, and get your cells singing. Fresh green juice is full of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and enzymes that are readily absorbed by the body. Since the fiber has been removed, the nutrients are especially easy to digest.

Wanna do the Color Run this weekend — on us?

This weekend's Color Run is sold out, but Metro and KIND Snacks are giving away a pair of tickets to Satur-



day's race — and a month's supply of KIND bars! — to the best tweet that we receive @metronewyork answering the question, "What makes your workout #kindawesome?" Tweet us with the hash tag before July 5 to win.

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Happy Independence Day, Metro readers! Of course, we've got everything you need for a kick-butt weekend, from the parties to hit to the cocktails to serve at home. But once the Fourth is over, you've still got three days to kick back — may we suggest undoing all that barbecue with a fresh juice and edible flower dish? Mother Nature would be so proud.

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Delaughter, center, says the 16 members of the Polyphonic Spree weren't exactly working nonstop for the past seven years. / LAUREN LOGAN

'Yes, It's True': Polyphonic Spree put rumors to rest

Long wait. Tim Delaughter talks the long, loving process of recording their latest and biggest release.

After a while, and with some deliberation, Tim Delaughter assesses his band's new album.

"I think it could be the best we've ever done," he says carefully, lest this be mistaken for marketing braggadocio. But even

the title of the Polyphonic Spree's new album, "Yes, It's True," seems to confirm his statement. Bristling with good vibrations and melodies that will haunt forever, it's a typically exuberant foot-stomping set with moments of fragile introspection.

Still, this psychedelic pop gem, which is due out on Aug. 6, took seven years to come together: a wait due in part to side projects such as Delaughter's band Preteen Zenith, a Spree holiday album and them performing their "Rocky Horror Picture Show" revue. And because they are self-managed and have their own label, there were no outside business pressures.

"I just started writing songs and stockpiled them. We spent two years just jamming at our rehearsal space. We'd go until four or five in the morning, woodshedding and having fun. It was such a release for everyone. It was a real comfortable way of doing a record. It wouldn't have happened like this if we'd had any anxiety of, 'Oh my God, we've got to get this record out!'"

So not making an album is the new way of making an album?

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way of making an album," Delaughter advises. "It's the first time I've ever done it like this. What makes it cohesive is that the lyrical content is always in the same world, and it's the sound of the Polyphonic Spree. It doesn't sound like songs from different periods. It all works together."



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Delaughter, on making the new album

Eat. Floral forages: An edible flowers primer

Adding edible flowers to your repertoire is the quickest way to class up any situation. Throw them in ice cubes for a glam garden party-worthy cocktail, sprinkle them over salads for color and texture or use them as flavor-packed garnishes and immediately put your plates on par with some of the best in town. In the city, you can find them in dishes and drinks at places like The Musket Room, The Pines and BLT Fish. Here are our favorite flowers to sniff and savor.

1 Violets: Velvety and slightly sweet, with a bit of fennel on the finish. These are fantastic raw but are showstoppers when coated in sugar and used as a dessert garnish.

2 Dandelions: Sweet, honey-like flavor. Yup, those yellow flowers you wasted your time making into garlands (that always wilted in an hour) are awesome in salads. Pick them when they're young — mature blossoms are bitter.

3 Carnations: Softly sugary, with a hint of clove or nutmeg. The secret ingredient in Chartreuse, carnations have edible petals that work well in desserts and savory dishes. To use, cut the petals away from the bitter white base of the flower.

4 Herb flowers: These taste like brightly concentrated versions of the herbs they came from. Basil puts forth dramatic spiky flowers, and cilantro resembles little white mini-bouquets.

5 Nasturtiums: Peppery, with a bite reminiscent of watercress. These fiery orange blossoms are beloved for their subtle spice, striking visuals and easy access. They grow easily, and many farms offer them as well.

6 Alliums: Flowers from this family of plants — including chives, onions, garlic and leeks — are usually tight purple in color and have a bit of an onion flavor. Usually found on charcuterie boards, salads and more, they rank high on the aesthetics scale.

7 Gem marigolds: Spicy and herbal, sometimes with a citrusy taste, depending on the species. **CASSANDRA LANDRY**



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Liquiteria is already a big hit in the East Village. / PROVIDED

Now trending. Take a sip to summer — and your health.

With new juice bars popping up on every city corner, it's becoming easier to drink your fruits and veggies. Here are the latest havens that are ideal for grabbing a cold, nourishing treat:

Molyvos Mediterranean Juice Bar

Molyvos (871 Seventh Ave., 212-582-7500), a restaurant known for its neo-Greek and Mediterranean cuisine, is introducing a Mediterranean juice bar for its weekend brunch menu. Using seasonal organic produce from Blooming Hill Farm, Chef Jim Botsacos has added a heart-healthy mix of fresh juices like the Beet and Carrot juice and the Fennel Orange to his traditional weekend offerings. The 12 oz. fresh-pressed juices are \$8 during brunch,

which is served Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Juice Press

If you're looking to detox, you might not have to stray too far — Juice Press is opening its 10th New York City location at 1296 Madison Ave. Hardcore juice fans will be right at home, as Juice Press offers a wide variety of drinkable

organic produce, ranging from superfood smoothies like the Chocolate Raspberry Kiss to entire meals like the Sweet Potato Pie. Juice Press uses 100 percent organic produce in its 33 varieties. You might want to come thirsty: Cleanses are available in six-juice-per-day (\$60) and eight-juice-per-day options (\$75).

Liquiteria

A new Liquiteria juice spot is opening later this month in Chelsea at 102 Eighth Ave. All the same smoothies and cleanses made popular at its original location (170 Second Ave., 212-358-0300) will be available at the Chelsea Liquiteria, in addition to its revamped Grab-N-Go food menu. Some of the highlights: an Asian quinoa noodle salad, coconut yogurt with muesli and chopped almonds and chia pudding. Can't get enough? A third Liquiteria location is set to open in Union Square this September.

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Bridget C. Firtle, 28, The Noble Experiment NYC

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½ oz. orgeat syrup
½ oz. Blue Curacao
½ oz. lime juice
Combine all ingredients in a shaker. Shake vigorously and strain into glass filled with crushed ice. Garnish with a cherry.

Local libations for Lady Liberty

We had some bartenders from Zagat's 30 Under 30 — a list celebrating the NYC food and drink scene's next big things — tell us what to drink this Fourth. **MEREDITH ENGEL**

Red Cup

Jack McGarry, 24, The Dead Rabbit Grocery & Grog

1.5 oz. Chateau du Breuil VSOP Calvados
¾ oz. Graham's LBV Port Wine
¾ oz. lemon juice
½ oz. lemon sherbet
¾ oz. cucumber extract
1 tsp. of red currant jelly
Combine all ingredients in a shaker. Add ice and shake vigorously. Then add 1.5 oz. cucumber soda. Strain



in an ice-filled wine glass. Garnish with freshly grated nutmeg.

Red & White Stripes

Brandon Duff, 24, Atera

1.5 oz. white whiskey
½ oz. sweet vermouth
¾ oz. pickled white strawberry juice with clove, coriander and peppercorn
½ oz. lemon
1 oz. strawberry juice
Float strawberry tincture
Add white whiskey, sweet vermouth and white strawberry pickle juice into double rocks glass, add ice and stir. Dry shake lemon and strawberry juice in a



separate tin and float on top of the drink in the double rocks glass. Garnish with strawberry and daisy petals.

Mint Julep

Chad Walsh, 28, The Dutch

2 oz. Heaven Hill 80 Proof Bourbon
½ oz. simple syrup
10 mint leaves
Muddle mint in the bottom of a julep cup. Add simple syrup, 1 oz. of bourbon and crushed ice (about halfway full). Swizzle, and then add remaining bourbon. Fill to top with crushed ice, and pack like a snow cone. Garnish with a large mint sprig.



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1 part Pinnacle Atomic Hot Vodka
1 part DeKuyper Hot Damn! Cinnamon Schnapps
2 parts club soda
Splash of grenadine
Mix in a martini glass with ice and garnish with a cherry.

Red Stripes

1 oz. Wild Turkey 101
¾ oz. Wild Turkey 81
¾ oz. Cointreau
½ oz. Carpano Antica
½ oz. cranberry juice
Dash of orange bitters
Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake and pour over fresh ice. Garnish with an orange twist.

Bahama Mama

1 oz. Coconut Rum
1 ½ oz. Gold Rum
1 ½ oz. Nassau Royale Liqueur

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Malibu American Flag

¾ parts Blue Curacao
¾ parts Malibu Coconut Rum
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In a shot glass, layer Blue Curacao, then Malibu and then Campari on the top for a very patriotic-looking shooter or sipper.

2 oz. orange juice
2 oz. pineapple juice
Dash of Angostura Bitters (optional)
½ oz. grenadine
Mix ingredients and shake well. Pour over crushed ice in a tall glass and garnish with a slice of orange and two cherries.

Purple Melon's Majesty

3 oz. Purity Vodka
4 watermelon cubes
1 small handful of blueberries

Muddle watermelon and blueberries in a mixing glass. Add vodka and ice. Stir until cold, then double-strain and garnish with watermelon and blueberries.

American Sparkler

1 ½ oz. American Harvest Vodka
¾ oz. pomegranate liqueur
2-3 oz. of chilled champagne or dry sparkling wine
Combine all ingredients in a chilled champagne flute in this order: vodka, pomegranate liqueur, chilled champagne. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Hennessy Sparkler

1 oz. Hennessy VS
1 oz. Grand Marnier
Lemon peel
Dash of peach bitters
3 oz. Moët Imperial

Muddle lemon peel in a shaker. Add Hennessy, Grand Marnier and bitters and shake. Strain into a sugar-rimmed champagne flute. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Red, Lemon & Blue

1.5 oz. Devotion Black & Blue Vodka
3.5 oz. lemonade
Dash of grenadine
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Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks

Thursday, 8 p.m.

Various locations along the Hudson River, Free
<http://social.macys.com/fireworks/>

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Fourth of July Pool Party

Thursday, 11 a.m.

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Don't want to spend your Fourth of July in some tiny backyard, or crammed on a sweltering rooftop to catch a peek of the fireworks? The King & Grove pool has become one of the most desired hot spots in all of Brooklyn, and today is probably your perfect chance to get a prime spot.

Statue of Liberty reopening

Thursday, all day
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What better way is there to



celebrate the birth of our nation than to venture up to Lady Liberty's crown for the first time since last fall, when it was shut down due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy?

Sweet Chick's Family Style Fourth of July BBQ

Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight
164 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn
\$25, 347-725-4793
www.sweetchicknyc.com

Spend your holiday the American way with Sweet Chick's smoked BBQ chicken, homemade biscuits, grilled corn, collard & carrot slaw, warm apple pie a la mode and a Hell or High Watermelon beer.



Hotel Chantelle Fourth of July BBQ

Thursday, 3 p.m., Hotel Chantelle, 92 Ludlow St., 212-254-9100
www.hotelchantelle.com

Soak in the summer sun and enjoy the special a la carte barbecue menu on the roof of this spot (which is actually not a hotel). Is there anything more all-American than hot dogs, burgers and succulent Maine lobster rolls? Grab some friends and cool off with a bucket of Miller High Life.

New England-style clambake at The Fourth

Thursday, lunch starts at 11:45 a.m.
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Thursday, 6 p.m.
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For the kiddos

New York Historical Society

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
170 Central Park West
www.nyhistory.org

- On the Fourth of July, kids can meet Ben Franklin himself at the museum, learning about his experiments and inventions. They can also participate in a scavenger hunt, including a search for the tail from King George's horse. In the afternoon, they can sample popular ice cream flavors from the past like orange flower water and even give the historic ice cream maker a crank themselves.

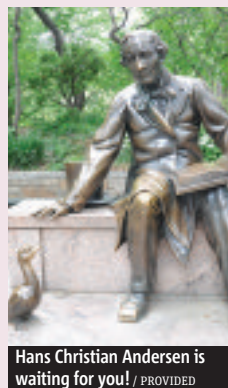
New York Botanical Garden

Bronx River Parkway and Fordham Road, the Bronx
Open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
www.nybg.org

- The New York Botanical Garden offers a weekend full of family-friendly activities, from a dance production to learning about plants. The Garden will be open Thursday, and the 250 acres of its grounds will be open for families to explore all four days throughout the

holiday weekend. The "Wild Medicine: Healing Plants Around the World" exhibit includes a re-created medicinal garden, a fun way for parents to learn about such plants as well as children to explore interactive stations. Targeted at youngsters, the Commedia Dell'Arte for Children is a festive performance by The New York Baroque Dance Company where kids can engage in Renaissance branle dance "The Washerwoman."

Story time at the Hans Christian



Hans Christian Andersen is waiting for you! / PROVIDED

Andersen Statue

Saturday, 11 a.m.
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Avenue, Central Park
www.hcastorycenter.org

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Children's Museum of

Manhattan

212 W. 83rd St.
Sunday through Friday,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
www.cmom.org

- The Children's Museum of Manhattan has festive workshops planned for the holiday: All ages can create red, white and blue Lady Liberty sculptures in the morning. In the afternoon, children four years old and younger can play with confetti and colorful and metallic slices of paper to create their own collage of fireworks.
ALISON BOWEN

Horoscope

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
You can awaken enthusiasm in a friend who has been down in the dumps, because your words will carry more weight than you realize.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Once you're certain that you are on solid ground, devote all your efforts to an ambitious project. Take things one step at a time.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
You might get a chance to teach a friend a valuable skill. However, first be sure that she is open to your suggestions.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
To be successful, you won't have to be bolder than your competitors — just smarter. Use your head.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
It's important to keep an open and receptive mind at all times. There's a good chance that a colleague could occasionally have better ideas than yours.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Be reasonable about the size of the returns you expect for your efforts. What you accomplish will be noticed in small ways.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
Because you'll know how to put everyone at ease, you'll be an asset at any social gathering.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.
Your thoughtfulness toward your family and friends will be apparent. All the little things you do will show them that you really care.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
For whatever reason, you'll be especially adept at endeavors that require a creative and imaginative mind. Be sure to utilize your skills to the fullest extent.

Aries | March 21-April 20.
Don't be indifferent to the suggestions of others when it comes to commercial dealings. Don't discount your own ideas, either.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
It would be best not to employ an intermediary to pass on critical information.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Many times, others' tips about ways to make money are less than reliable. Today, however, you are likely to receive some inside info worthy of exploration.

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Letters

Martin didn't start the fight

Re: 'Jury hears Zimmerman's account of Martin killing' (Metro, July 2) So now we hear that this guy isn't lying because he's lying consistently? So now you can attack someone, and when they defend themselves, you can shoot them and claim self-defense.

It doesn't really matter who started the fight. We know George Zimmerman followed Trayvon — which is threatening behavior, so ipso facto, Trayvon was defending himself even if he's not here to speak for himself.

DIANE IVES, VIA EMAIL

Metro's a big, fat hypocrite

Re: 'Paula Deen: Porn star?' (Metro, July 1) You printed some very fat-phobic comments by your "gossip" columnist regarding Paula Deen and Jessica Simpson. A few pages later, there was a thoughtful article about how one should love their body. How can you expect women to not succumb to the pressures of being thin when you participate in bashing those who are fat, including one who just had a baby?

EMILY DOMINGUEZ, VIA EMAIL

letters@metro.us

Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.



Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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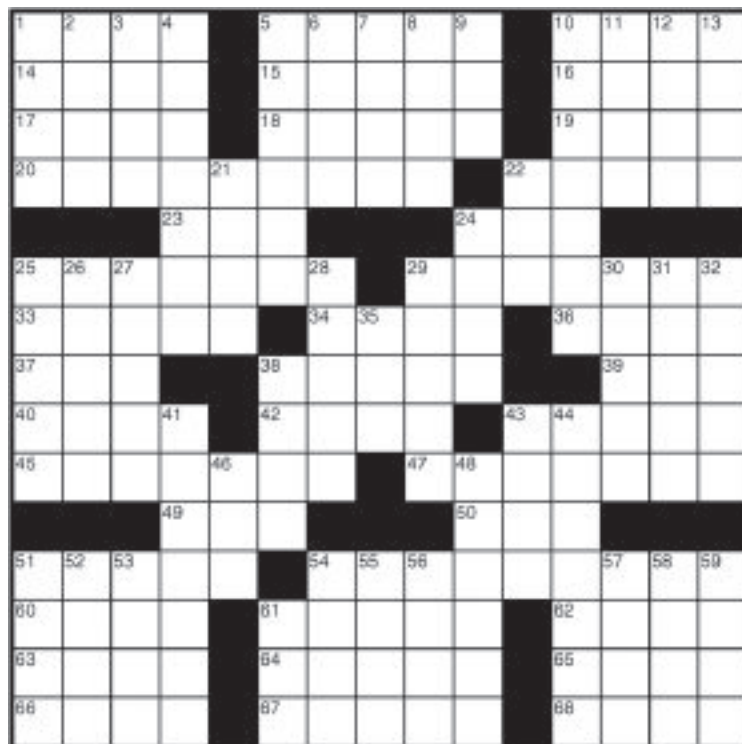
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- 29 Falls upon
- 33 Lunch times
- 34 Griffin of TV
- 36 Wordy Webster
- 37 Deli salmon
- 38 Toss out
- 39 Mao — -tung
- 40 Battery chemical
- 42 Sage or basil
- 43 Pick on
- 45 Biker's maneuver
- 47 TV advertiser
- 49 Rand of fiction
- 50 Collected sayings
- 51 Multitude
- 54 Boson pursuer
- 60 Left Bank chums

Down

- 61 VIPs' transport
- 62 Burrito alternative
- 63 Area
- 64 Battery's "+" end
- 65 Mild oath
- 66 Exercise system
- 67 Grand Canyon sights
- 68 Thank you, in Kyoto
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- 4 In the middle
- 5 Verdict givers
- 6 Consumer
- 7 The people over there
- 8 Cartoon shrieks
- 9 Almost grads
- 10 Dawn-to-sunset fast
- 11 Holiday times
- 12 Purple vegetable
- 13 Showy and pretentious
- 21 Hostilities
- 22 That guy's
- 24 Party-thrower's plea
- 25 Mother- — —
- 26 Freeload
- 27 Boldness, slangily
- 28 Quiz-show host
- 29 Mighty steeds
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- 32 Gauzy
- 35 Foul up
- 38 Climb a rope
- 41 Scroll site (2 wds.)
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- 44 Put into law
- 46 Soap ingredient
- 48 Moves the puck
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Mets push positives with Wheeler

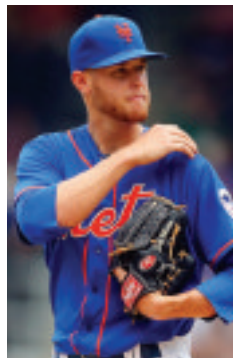
MLB. The team's top prospect was not good in his last start, but they are not concerned.

Mets manager Terry Collins' message to Zack Wheeler on Monday, July 1, was simple: There will be growing pains.

"He better be [even-keeled] if he's going to pitch in this league very long," Collins said before

the Mets' 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Diamondbacks. "I think he's realistic enough to know he's got the stuff to pitch here, that he's good enough to pitch here. He didn't make pitches. That's pretty much the general consensus of everyone who was involved."

Wheeler, whom the Mets acquired from San Francisco on July 8, 2011, in a trade that included Carlos Beltran, was hampered by the Nationals



Wheeler allowed five runs in his last start. / GETTY IMAGES

June 30 in his first start at Citi Field.

"Actually, he made some pretty good pitches," Collins said. "He just missed a couple locations on some balls that came back to hurt him. His velocity at times looked better than what I saw on the scoreboard."

Wheeler is scheduled to make his next start July 5 against the Brewers.

DENIS GORMAN
sports@metro.us

Wright stuff

The Mets' omnipresent campaign to get third baseman David Wright the start in the All-Star Game appears to be working.

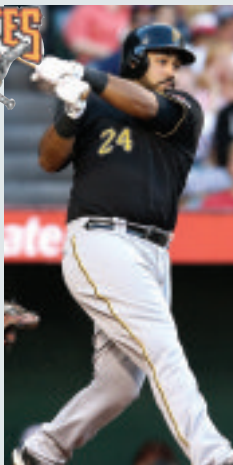
- Wright has pulled out an even bigger lead over second-place Pablo Sandoval of the Giants. He now leads 4,452,282 to 3,610,096. Voting ends on July 4 at midnight.

MLB power rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Pirates (51-30)

Finally, there is a new No. 1 team as the Pirates jumped to the top, riding a nine-game win streak. Their pitching has been outstanding in this stretch, limiting opponents to three runs or fewer in seven of the nine wins, which makes sense considering they lead the NL in ERA with a 3.13 mark. They face an easy week against the Phillies and then the Cubs.



No. 4

Braves (48-34)

The Braves continue to get good pitching, and thus maintain their strong lead over the rest of the NL East.



No. 5

Rangers (48-34)

A 4-2 week maintained the Rangers' lead in the AL West but the A's are right behind them, trailing by only a half game.



No. 7

Orioles (47-36)

The Orioles had won four in a row going into this week after sweeping the Yankees over the weekend.



No. 8

Reds (47-36)

Cincy fell out of the Top 5 this week as its offense has been lacking, scoring three runs or fewer in seven of its last nine.



No. 11

Rays (44-39)

Tampa won five of seven games at home this past week, and maintained its third-place spot in the AL East.



No. 12

D'backs (42-40)

Despite being swept by Atlanta this weekend and losing seven of eight, Arizona still leads the NL West by two games.



No. 2

Red Sox (50-34)

After slipping out of the Top 5 last week, the Sox picked things up this past week. They continue to find different ways to win.



No. 3

Cardinals (49-32)

The Cards dropped out of the top spot for the first time in a long time. They dropped six of eight to end June.



No. 6

Athletics (48-35)

Oakland is third in the AL in team ERA at 3.76 and fifth in runs at 4.67. They were strong against the Reds and Cards last week.



No. 9

Indians (44-38)

Cleveland made the biggest jump this week, moving up six spots. Its averaged nine runs in the past four games.



No. 13

Yankees (43-39)

With all the injuries they've had, it's pretty impressive they've somehow managed to stay in the race.



No. 10

Tigers (43-38)

Losers of six of seven, the Tigers have given the Indians hope in the AL Central race.



No. 14

Nationals (42-40)

Although they sit in second in the NL East, the Nats haven't been as good as many projected.



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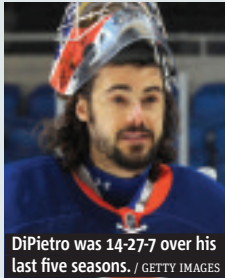
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End of a bad era**Isles waive goalie DiPietro**

The mistake that was Rick DiPietro's 15-year, \$67.5 million contract is over.

The Islanders used their buyout clause on the bust Tuesday, taking his contract off the salary cap. **METRO**



DiPietro was 14-27-7 over his last five seasons. / GETTY IMAGES

Re-Branding**Knicks looking at Elton Brand**

The Knicks are reportedly interested in signing veteran forward Elton Brand.

Brand, who averaged 7.2 points and 6.0 rebounds last season in Dallas, is 34 years old. **METRO**

Back in black**Blatche signs back with Nets**

Power forward Andray Blatche didn't take long to decide he wanted to stay in Brooklyn.

Blatche, 26, had the best year of his career last season with 10.3 points per game. **METRO**

NFL. Report: Cruz will sign long-term deal before training camp

Wide receiver Victor Cruz had little choice but to return to the Giants in 2013. But now, according to reports, he will be in New York much longer.

ESPN reports the Giants and Cruz will come to an agreement on a long-term deal before the start of training camp. Camp officially opens on July 26.

Cruz, a restricted free agent, was placed with a first-round tender earlier this offseason, meaning a team would have to give up their top pick to sign the receiver. None did, so Cruz reluctantly signed his one-year tender, just under \$3 million, last month.

Cruz did not report to any of the team's organized team activities or



Victor Cruz / GETTY IMAGES

the mandatory minicamp last month.

Cruz sent out a cryptic tweet Monday night saying, "Good things come to those who wait," apparently in reference to the new deal. **MARK OSBORNE**

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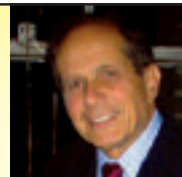
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